

**Outside Agency Analysis
Summary & Recommendation**

Outside Agency	Summary Statement	2007-08 Amount Awarded	2008-09 Amount Requested	Staff Proposed Funding	Rev & Fin Committee Rec.	Reason for Staff Proposal
Asheville Area Arts Council	Educates people about the arts; Funding requested for expansion of Arts-In-Education program and part time Urban Trail guide and office for this position.	\$ 12,500	\$ 50,000	\$ 10,000		Economic impact, aligned with City strategies; Low current ratio, high administrative cost, and finished last year with deficit. (Rec. funding of \$10,000)
Asheville Art Museum	Focuses on 20th and 21st century American art, particularly work of significance to the Southeast; Funding requested for architect planning fees for expansion of facility.	5,000	50,000	5,000		Economic impact, aligned with City strategies, and low administrative ratio; financial statement from 2005-unable to determine current financial position. (Rec. funding at current level)
The Arc of Buncombe County	Works to empower persons with mental retardation/developmental disabilities and their families; Funding requested for the Housing & Crisis Intervention program which helps clients attain independent, stable living conditions.	-	6,000	-		Meaningful goals, aligned with City strategies, and high current ratio; unable to determine administrative expense ratio, seems more like a County function.
Child Abuse Prevention Services, Inc.	Works to increase awareness and reduce/prevent child abuse; Funding requested for general operating support.	-	10,000	3,000	-	Aligned with City strategies, high current ratio, low administrative expense ratio, meaningful goals; finished last year with a deficit. (Rec. funding of \$3,000)
Children First Project (MARCH)	Works to improve children's lives through community collaboration, advocacy and programs; Funding requested for general operating support.	22,500	40,000	22,500		Meaningful goals, demonstrated achievement, aligned with City strategies; funds for general operations instead of programs. (Rec. funding equal to last year)
AB Community Relations Council	Helps people develop mutual respect and eliminate discrimination in the community; Funding requested for general operating and Fair Housing Program (City is required to have a program of this type.)	50,000	80,000	50,000		Aligned with City strategies; funds for general operations, no audit provided. (Rec. funding at current level with \$30,000 going toward Fair Housing Program and \$20,000 for gen. operations)
Asheville-Buncombe Education Coalition	Provides mentoring and tutoring to City and County public schools; Funding requested for general operating support.	10,000	20,000	10,000		Meaningful goals, demonstrated achievement, acceptable administrative expense ratio, and high current ratio; funds for general operations and finished last year with a deficit. (Rec. funding at current level with expectation of better money management)
Asheville-Buncombe Economic Development Coalition	Recruits companies to the area that will strengthen existing industries and provides services to business leaders who are expanding, creating, or relocating to the area; Funding requested for general operations.	-	50,000	4,595		Aligned with City strategies; Demonstrated success; No formal application; high administrative ratio. (Rec. funding of \$8,500)
Homeward Bound of Asheville-AHOPE	Works to break cycle of homelessness; Funding requested to support Saturday services at AHOPE.	20,000	20,000	20,000		Outcome oriented, meaningful goals, and funds for program expenses(program expenses increased significantly over last year); administrative expenses have increase significantly since last year (Rec. funding at current level)

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Kids Voting Buncombe County	Educates and involves youth in electoral process; Funding requested for staff support.	1,000	3,000	-		Unique service, meaningful goals; finished 2006 with a deficit, high administrative expense ratio and no current audit (do not participate in one).
Literacy Council of Buncombe County	Works to improve adult basic education and English language skills via a tutoring program; Funding requested for a tutor training course.	-	5,000	2,000	-	Outcome oriented goals and well-defined strategies, related to City strategies, low administrative ratio, high current ratio; Financial statements from 2 different years. (Rec. funding of \$2,000)
Mountain Biz Works	Offers small business training to low income, women, rural residents, African American, Native American, and un-/under-employed individuals in the area; Funding requested to purchase office space.	-	100,000	-		Unique service, aligned with core and priority areas; Audit showed findings related to improper record keeping and misclassification of expenses, finished FY2006 with a deficit.
The Mediation Center	Promotes collaboration, communication, and peaceful conflict resolution; Funding requested for R.H.Y.M.E. project which provides youth with communication skills, character building, academic reinforcement, and vocational skills.	-	25,000	3,000	-	Good administrative expense ratio, high current ratio, aligned with city strategies; Working through transition period (successfully). (Rec. funding of \$3,000)
Meet the Geeks	Works to build and support the IT community throughout WNC; Funding requested for general operating support.	3,000	20,000	-		Outcome oriented goals and well-defined strategies, aligned with core and priority areas; Cannot clearly assess achievement or financial position because the financial statements were limited in detail, most of budget spent on administrative expenses.
North Carolina Stage Company	Provides a year-round professional theater season with a focus on classical plays and developing future theatergoers through arts education programs; Funding requested for their professional mainstage productions, staff for pioneering project and marketing and branding initiative.	-	10,000	-	-	Aligned with City strategies, proven success at achieving goals; Unable to determine administrative costs and therefore the expense ratio, financial statements were unaudited.
One Youth at a Time	Provides mentoring/tutoring, guided growth activities, job training and placement assistance to at-risk youth; Funding requested for general operating support.	7,000	10,000	5,000		High current ratio, aligned with City strategies; funds for general operations instead of programs, high administrative ratio, strategic plan was a list of goals instead of steps, strategies, or measurements. (Rec. funding of \$5,000)
Pack Square Conservancy	Works to fulfill the vision of Pack Square and City-County Plaza as a vibrant town square and public park; Funding requested for construction of the main stage at Pack Square Park.	-	50,000	10,000		Supports several core areas and priorities, high current ratio; high administrative expense ratio and finished 2006 with a large surplus which questions the need for grant funds. (Rec. funding of \$10,000)

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Quality Forward	Works to enhance the environment and quality of life through awareness building, community activities, and partnerships; Funding requested for general operating support.	10,000	15,000	10,000		Aligned with City strategies, high current ratio, good administrative ratio; funds for general operations instead of programs and FY08-09 budget shows projected surplus almost equal to request from City. (Rec. funding at current level)
Buncombe County Rescue Squad	Provides emergency medical and rescue services to the people of Asheville and Buncombe County; Funding requested for construction related to facility renovations.	-	50,000	-		Aligned with one core area and one priority area; Low current ratio.
United Way 2-1-1 of WNC	Provides a free community service information line connecting people from Buncombe and surrounding counties; Funding requested for operational components, including phone and computer systems, salaries, training and marketing.	5,000	10,000	5,000		Aligned with all City core service areas and 2 Council Focus Areas, low administrative expense ratio; low current ratio. (Rec. funding at current level)
YMI Cultural Center	Supports awareness of the African American cultural heritage, provides a center for encouraging contemporary culture & artistic expression, and recalls, reclaims and retells the unique Southern Appalachian African American experience; Funding requested to fund Development Director, continue expansion and fund 2 market research studies.	-	16,000	-	-	Good administrative ratio, meaningful goals; already receives funds from the City, low current ratio, funding for Development Director, expansion and market research instead of programs, finished last year with a deficit.
YWCA of Asheville and WNC	Provides housing for women coming into the City for education and employment and support for youth; Funding requested to support a new program called SOS which provides after school and summer programming for youth who need help avoiding juvenile crime, delinquency, and gang involvement.	10,000	15,000	10,000		High current ratio, low administrative expense, and demonstrated achievement. (Rec. funding at current level)
Housing Authority- Youthful HAND	Provides educational support to low-wealth children; Funding requested to hire an additional part-time tutor.	5,000	5,000	5,000		Meaningful goals, funding for useful equipment, aligned with core and priority areas. (Rec. funding full request)
Total		\$161,000	\$ 660,000	175,095	-	

Notes: 1) FY2007-08 total does not include \$14,095 in funding for Partners Unlimited, Shiloh Community Association, and the Media Arts Project because they did not apply this year.
2) Financial position is an important aspect of agency funding. As such, financial statements were considered a significant piece of the application.